

Naval School of Health Science San Diego  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Regarding BRAC

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1. What is BRAC
  - a. Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) is a process used by Congress, Department of Defense and the Services to review potential realignment of bases and facilities. As directed by law, a Commission will provide an objective, non-partisan, and independent review and analysis of the list of military installation recommendations issued by the Department of Defense (DOD). The recommendations provided by DOD are extremely complex and interrelated and will require in-depth analysis and careful attention to detail. The Commission will follow a fair, open, and equitable process, as set forth by statute. The Commission's mission is to assess whether the DOD recommendations substantially deviated from the Congressional criteria used to evaluate each military base. While giving priority to the criteria of military value, the Commission will also take into account the human impact of the base closures and will consider the possible economic, environmental, and other effects on the surrounding communities. See BRAC website for further questions (<http://www.brac.gov/>)
2. Why is the NSHS SD moving to Fort Sam Houston Texas (FSH)
  - a. As a result of the BRAC 2005 Commission Recommendation 172 and Medical Recommendation 0016. There are a number of commands that are affected by this decision.
    - i. Realignment of Lackland AFB, TX, by relocating the inpatient medical function of the 59<sup>th</sup> Medical Wing (Wilford Hall Med Ctr) to the Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort San Houston, Tx, establishing it as the San Antonio Regional Military Medical Center, and converting Wilford Hall Medical Center into an ambulatory care center.
    - ii. Realignment of Naval Air Station Great Lakes, IL, Naval Hospital Corps School Great Lakes, Sheppard Air Force Base, TX, Naval School of Health Sciences Portsmouth, VA, Naval School of Health Sciences San Diego, by relocating basic and specialty enlisted medical training to Fort Sam Houston, TX.
    - iii. This recommendation will allow for the potential of transitioning to a joint training effort capitalizing on the synergy of the co-location of similar training conduct by each of the three Services. In addition, the development of a joint training center will result in standardized training for medical enlisted specialties enhancing interoperability and joint deployability.
3. How soon will NSHS SD be moving to Fort Sam Houston TX (FSH)
  - a. There is a phase movement plan over five years (2007 – 2011) for all the Services enlisted medical training programs to move to FSH.

- b. There are numerous things that have to be accomplished first such as establishing the new command Medical Education and Training Campus (METC), construction of new Navy and Air Force Headquarters, dormitories, dining facilities, instructional classroom training facilities, and purchase of equipment.
  - c. NSHS SD is working closely with Medical Education Training Campus (METC) and Navy Medicine Manpower Program & Training (NM MPT&E)
  - d. NSHS SD will begin phasing certain courses to FSH being in the fall of 2009 however; this is contingent on METC meeting all construction timelines at FSH. We at NSHS SD have to be flexible in the event timelines aren't met and the Commanding Officer and command leadership is constantly working on the transition plan.
- 4. What is the Medical Education and Training Campus (METC)
  - a. It will be the largest consolidation of Service training in the history of DoD
    - i. Average daily student load of 9003 students: 2272 Air Force (24%); 3873 Army (45%); 2858 Navy (31%)
    - ii. Staff and Faculty of 3610: 534 officers; 1878 enlisted; 1198 civilians
  - b. It is going to be the largest military medical education and training institution in the world
  - c. Teach 100 courses annually
- 5. How will this consolidation help the Services
  - a. There will be an university like campus that promotes learning with a single course location maximizing on efficiencies for student movement, faculty and classroom utilization
  - b. It will help develop a single standard for Instructional System Design however, there might be certain service specific training that is required
  - c. It will serve as the test bed for equipment standardization for medical simulation, education and training systems
  - d. Assist with promoting joint synergy at every level and promoting the traditions and procedures of all Services. In addition, will provide an opportunity to extend the recent advent of evidence-based approaches for in patient care to the delivery of medical vocational education and training.
- 6. How will I be kept informed of updates on the transition plan
  - a. The Commanding Officer has established a Transition Team Committee and as they work their goals and tasks the Commanding Officer will update the Directors who will notify staff and students
- 7. What is the savings to the United States Government for this BRAC and the move to FSH
  - a. The potential savings will include changes in course length, average daily student load (ADSL), student-man years, instructor requirements, facilities

- requirements, collocating and consolidation of facilities and training program will save millions of dollars over the upcoming years